

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1645

Introduced by Assembly Member Norby

February 13, 2012

An act to amend Section 101 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1645, as introduced, Norby. State highways: naming and designation by the Legislature.

Existing law provides that the Department of Transportation shall have full possession and control of the state highway system. Existing law, when the Legislature, by concurrent resolution, has designated names for certain districts and state highway bridges and requested the placement of name plaques, authorizes the department to expend reasonable sums on those plaques.

This bill would transfer the authority for naming highways, bridges, pathways, and other transportation infrastructure from the Legislature to the California Transportation Commission.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 101 of the Streets and Highways Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 101. (a) The department shall keep in repair all objects or
- 4 markers adjacent to a state highway which have been erected to

1 mark registered historical places and shall keep such markers free
2 from vegetation which may obscure them from view.

3 (b) When the ~~Legislature, by concurrent~~ *California*
4 *Transportation Commission*, by resolution, has designated names
5 for certain districts, *state highways or portions thereof, pedestrian*
6 *or bicycle paths*, and state highway bridges, and requested the
7 placing of name plaques at the boundaries of the districts,
8 *highways, pathways*, or on the bridges, the department is authorized
9 to expend reasonable sums for such plaques.

10 (c) Any major bridge not previously named by the Legislature
11 may be named by the ~~Legislature, by concurrent~~ *commission* by
12 resolution, for a serviceman killed in action who was a resident of
13 the county in which the bridge is located. The name shall be
14 selected from names submitted to the department by veterans'
15 associations as defined by Section 1260 of the Military and
16 Veterans Code.